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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) at 8 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4437, BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

Mr. GINGREY, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-347) on the resolution (H. Res. 610) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for December 16 and 17 on account of a medical treatment.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today on account of family reasons.

Mr. HYDE (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today on account of illness in the family.

Mr. POE (at the request of Mr. BLUNT) for today on account of business in his district.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 449. An act to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1231. An act to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; in addition to the Committee on Resources for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1047. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively, to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 16 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, December 15, 2005, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5661. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the twenty-fifth annual report on the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 by departments and agencies which administer programs of Federal financial assistance, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6106a(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5662. A letter from the Chairperson, National Council on Disability, transmitting a copy of the NCD's "National Disability Policy: A Progress Report," as required by Section 401(b)(1) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, covering the period from December 2003 through December 2004, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 781(a)(8); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5663. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the semi-annual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5664. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Government Reform.

5665. A letter from the Acting Director, Division of Policy, Planning and Program Development, OFCCP, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Obligation to Solicit Race and Gender Data for Agency Enforcement Purposes (RIN: 1215-AB45) received October 14, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5666. A letter from the Director, Holocaust Memorial Museum, transmitting the Museum's 2004 through 2005 Annual Report and 2006 calendar; to the Committee on Government Reform.

5667. A letter from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting the audited Sixty-Fourth Financial Statement for the period October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5668. A letter from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2005, required by the Government Performance and Results Act, the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act, and the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Government Reform.

5669. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting pursuant to the "Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002" and related guidance from the Office of Management and Budget, the Endowment's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2005; to the Committee on Government Reform.

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5670. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the semi-annual report on activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(d); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5671. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the semi-annual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005 and the Management Response for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5672. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the semi-annual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5673. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Determination Concerning Critical Habitat for the San Miguel Island Fox, Santa Rosa Island Fox, Santa Cruz Island Fox, and Santa Catalina Island Fox (RIN: 1018-AT78) received November 14, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5674. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Application Procedures, Execution and Filing of Forms: Correction of State Office Address for Filings and Recordings, Proper Offices for Recording of Mining Claims [WO 630-1610-EI-25-2Z] (RIN: 1004-AD77) received November 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5675. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Illinois Regulatory Program [Docket No. IL-103-FOR] received November 29, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5676. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Alaska Regulatory Program [SATS No. AK-006-FOR] received November 29, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5677. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — North Dakota Regulatory Program [ND-048-FOR, Amendment No. XXXV] received November 22, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5678. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processor Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No. 041126332-5039-02; I.D. 111705A] received December 5, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5679. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 041126333-5040-02; I.D. 102605A] received December 5, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5680. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a copy of a report required by Section 202(a)(1)(C) of Pub. L. 107-273, the "21st Cen-

tury Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act," related to certain settlements and injunctive relief, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D Public Law 107-273, section 202; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5681. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Penalty Adjustments (RIN: 1029-AC48) received November 17, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5682. A letter from the Acting Director, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting notification that funding under Title V, subsection 503(b)(3) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, has exceeded \$5 million for the response to the emergency declared as a result of the influx of evacuees from areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005 in the State of Georgia, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5193; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5683. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a copy of an editorial entitled, "US Veterans Health Care Healed Itself — So Can Our (Canadian) Medicare System"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

5684. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Health Savings Account Eligibility During A Cafeteria Plan Grace Period [Notice 2005-86] received December 1, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5685. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Withholding on Payments to Partnerships, Trusts and Estates (Rev. Proc. 2005-77) received December 1, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5686. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Gains Derived from Dealings in Property (Rev. Rul. 2005-74) received December 5, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5687. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Credit for Certain Foreign Withholding Taxes [Notice 2005-90] received December 5, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 602. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2830) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-346). Referred to the House Calendar.

[Filed on December 15 (legislative day of December), 14, 2005]

Mr. GINGREY: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 610. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-347). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Education and the Workforce and

Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4437 referred to the Committees of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. JONES of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. SHIMKUS):

H.R. 4524. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that if a Member of Congress is convicted of a felony, such Member shall not be eligible for retirement benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOEHNER (for himself, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. KILDEE, and Mr. HINOJOSA):

H.R. 4525. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah):

H.R. 4526. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits through fiscal year 2011, to extend paygo for direct spending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOSWELL (for himself and Mr. OSBORNE):

H.R. 4527. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives to encourage small business health plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BOYD:

H.R. 4528. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the 'William Stafford United States Courthouse'; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CASE (for himself and Mr. ABERCROMBIE):

H.R. 4529. A bill to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. CHANDLER (for himself and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky):

H.R. 4530. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CRAMER:

H.R. 4531. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to deem certain small business concerns qualified HUBZone small business concerns; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. CRAMER:

H.R. 4532. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax to encourage them to

have their employees provide volunteer services that aid science, mathematics, and engineering education in grades K-12; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 4533. A bill to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 4534. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the charitable contribution deduction rules on contributions of certain easements on buildings in registered historic districts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. UPTON, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BASS, Mr. TERRY, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. MYRICK, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. SODREL, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. DENT, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. PAUL, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. SHIMKUS):

H.R. 4535. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that if a Member of Congress is convicted of a felony, such Member shall not be eligible for retirement benefits based on that individual's service as a Member, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. DOOLITTLE):

H.R. 4536. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to safeguard the rights and expectations of consumers who lawfully obtain digital entertainment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. OWENS, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KIND, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. FALOMAVAEGA):

H.R. 4537. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MATHESON (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. CANNON, and Mr. PORTER):

H.R. 4538. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to require commercial nuclear utilities to transfer spent nuclear fuel pools into spent nuclear fuel dry casks and convey to the Secretary of Energy title to all spent nuclear fuel thus safely stored; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MUSGRAVE:

H.R. 4539. A bill to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to designate a new management entity, make certain technical and conforming amendments, enhance private property protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. WYNN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN,

Mr. RANGEL, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. HERSETH, Ms. CARSON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HONDA, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. STARK, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WEINER, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. MEEHAN):

H.R. 4540. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for annual screening mammography for women 40 years of age or older if the coverage or plans include coverage for diagnostic mammography; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. OWENS, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. SABO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, and Mr. PALLONE):

H.R. 4541. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of the waters of the United States in an equitable manner; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. LOYING of Alaska, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. EVANS, Mr. McHUGH, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. VISLOSKY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RAHALL, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BACA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. COSTA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. NEY, Mr. DICKS, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. CARTER, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 4542. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to report to Congress concerning proposed changes to long-standing policies that prohibit foreign interests from exercising actual control over the economic, competitive, safety, and security decisions of United States airlines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in

each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself and Ms. BERKLEY):

H.R. 4543. A bill to express the policy of the United States to ensure the divestiture of United States pension plans or thrift savings plans and mutual funds sold or distributed in the United States in any bank or financial institution that directly or through a subsidiary has outstanding loans to or financial activities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or its instrumentalities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 4544. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the section 340B program to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California (for herself and Mrs. NAPOLITANO):

H.R. 4545. A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHADEGG (for himself, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BASS, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mrs. BONO, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. FLAKE, Ms. FOXX, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PAUL, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TERRY, Mr. WESTMORELAND, and Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico):

H.R. 4546. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny Federal retirement benefits to individuals convicted of certain offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 4547. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TERRY (for himself, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HART, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. NUNES, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. AKIN, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. HAYWORTH, Ms. FOXX, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. HENSARLING, and Mr. PENCE):

H.R. 4548. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny Federal retirement benefits to individuals convicted of certain offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. JENKINS:

H.J. Res. 74. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Mr. HYDE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BACA, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BAKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARROW, Ms. BEAN, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BERRY, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BOREN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BOYD, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. BUYER, Mr. CANTOR, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. CASE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DENT, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. DOYLE, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. DREIER, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FORD, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. FOSSELLA, Ms. FOXX, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GORDON, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HEFLEY, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. HOYER, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. KANJORSKI, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KELLER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. KIND, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MACK, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MATHESON, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Miss MCMORRIS, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr.

MURTHA, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OBEY, Mr. OLVER, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. POE, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. PORTER, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. RENZI, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ROSS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SABO, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SAXTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. SKELTON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. SODREL, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. STARK, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TIERNEY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VISCOSKY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WALSH, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WATSON, Mr. WATT, Mr. WEINER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WELLER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WOLF, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WU, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. YOUNG of Florida):

H. Con. Res. 315. Concurrent resolution urging the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. CHABOT:

H. Con. Res. 316. Concurrent resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by establishing January 2006 as "National Stalking Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. ACKERMAN):

H. Res. 598. A resolution condemning actions by the Government of Syria that have hindered the investigation of the assassination of former Prime Minister of Lebanon Rafik Hariri conducted by the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission (UNIIC), expressing support for extending the UNIIC's investigative mandate, and stating concern about similar assassination attempts apparently aimed at destabilizing Lebanon's security and undermining Lebanon's sovereignty; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. GILCHREST (for himself, Mr. CASE, and Mr. SAXTON):

H. Res. 599. A resolution establishing the Task Force on Ocean Policy; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. ROTHMAN (for himself and Mr. RAMSTAD):

H. Res. 600. A resolution calling on the Board of Directors of the National High School Mock Trial Championship to accommodate students of all religious faiths; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. COLE of Oklahoma (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. KELLER, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. ROGERS of Ala-

bama, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. BOREN, Mr. MARCHANT, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. NEY, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mrs. BONO, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. CHANDLER):

H. Res. 601. A resolution condemning in strongest terms Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's hateful rhetoric directed toward Israel; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. LEE, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. WATSON, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, and Mr. KUCINICH):

H. Res. 603. A resolution supporting the removal of Turkish occupation troops from the Republic of Cyprus; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. FOSSELLA:

H. Res. 604. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the paid Fire Department of New York on Staten Island, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. FOSSELLA:

H. Res. 605. A resolution recognizing the life of Preston Robert Tisch and his outstanding contributions to New York City, the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

H. Res. 606. A resolution congratulating the University of Maryland Terrapins men's soccer team, the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Champions; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

H. Res. 607. A resolution congratulating the University of Maryland Terrapins women's field hockey team on winning the 2005 National College Athletic Association Championship; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MCCOTTER:

H. Res. 608. A resolution condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. NADLER:

H. Res. 609. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of providing fair and up-to-date teaching in United States secondary schools of the developments of modern day Russia; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 65: Mr. CONAWAY.
H.R. 69: Mr. CONAWAY.
H.R. 147: Ms. FOXX, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio.
H.R. 282: Mr. BISHOP of Utah.
H.R. 284: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 311: Mr. MEEHAN.
H.R. 314: Mr. PRICE of Georgia.
H.R. 414: Mr. DICKS, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. FORD, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H.R. 415: Mr. KUHLE of New York and Mr. DOYLE.
 H.R. 517: Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. MARSHALL.
 H.R. 602: Ms. NORTON.
 H.R. 651: Mr. SALAZAR.
 H.R. 783: Mr. MEEHAN and Mr. CASE.
 H.R. 808: Mr. BOUSTANY and Mr. MARCHANT.
 H.R. 817: Mr. LYNCH, Mr. COSTELLO, and Mr. WOLF.
 H.R. 874: Mr. LATHAM.
 H.R. 916: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Ms. SOLIS.
 H.R. 968: Mr. BOUSTANY and Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey.
 H.R. 995: Mr. GOODE.
 H.R. 998: Mrs. EMERSON.
 H.R. 1053: Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Mr. FOSSELLA.
 H.R. 1081: Mrs. MALONEY.
 H.R. 1120: Mr. LARSEN of Washington and Mr. OTTER.
 H.R. 1144: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. STARK, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
 H.R. 1217: Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 1249: Ms. BEAN.
 H.R. 1259: Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. HONDA, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FARR, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. OBEY, Mr. PASTOR, and Ms. WOOLSEY.
 H.R. 1264: Mr. NADLER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. NEY.
 H.R. 1277: Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 1288: Mr. HIGGINS.
 H.R. 1356: Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 1405: Mr. BEAUPREZ.
 H.R. 1426: Mr. MCHUGH and Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 1634: Mr. HOLDEN.
 H.R. 1646: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 1704: Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
 H.R. 1806: Mr. STUPAK.
 H.R. 1956: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah.
 H.R. 2012: Mr. BOEHLERT.
 H.R. 2072: Mr. CONYERS.
 H.R. 2076: Mr. SOUDER.
 H.R. 2134: Mr. FOLEY.
 H.R. 2294: Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida.
 H.R. 2345: Mr. HIGGINS.
 H.R. 2378: Mr. JENKINS.
 H.R. 2498: Mr. MILLER of North Carolina.
 H.R. 2553: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.
 H.R. 2669: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. WYNN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. GALLEGLY.
 H.R. 2694: Mr. BAIRD.
 H.R. 2799: Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia.
 H.R. 2803: Mr. KNOLLENBERG and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.
 H.R. 2808: Mrs. KELLY and Mr. GILLMOR.
 H.R. 2828: Mr. WEINER.
 H.R. 2835: Mr. MEEHAN.
 H.R. 2892: Ms. DELAULO and Mr. SHAYS.
 H.R. 2943: Mr. KELLER and Ms. HART.
 H.R. 3000: Ms. MCKINNEY.
 H.R. 3005: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.
 H.R. 3042: Mr. BACA.
 H.R. 3072: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.
 H.R. 3127: Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
 H.R. 3313: Mr. FILNER, Ms. BEAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. WEXLER.
 H.R. 3323: Mr. SHAW.
 H.R. 3406: Mr. SHERMAN.
 H.R. 3427: Mr. BISHOP of New York.

H.R. 3479: Mr. ANDREWS.
 H.R. 3547: Mr. WEXLER.
 H.R. 3550: Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. MCGOVERN.
 H.R. 3561: Mr. OLIVER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. RAHALL.
 H.R. 3599: Mr. OWENS, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. SOUDER.
 H.R. 3640: Ms. MCKINNEY.
 H.R. 3641: Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. FOLEY.
 H.R. 3642: Ms. MCKINNEY.
 H.R. 3717: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.
 H.R. 3861: Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. GORDON, and Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.
 H.R. 3925: Mr. OWENS.
 H.R. 3931: Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. MATSUI, and Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.
 H.R. 4025: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey.
 H.R. 4033: Mr. PALLONE.
 H.R. 4042: Mr. THORNBERRY.
 H.R. 4049: Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California and Mr. STARK.
 H.R. 4079: Mr. POE.
 H.R. 4098: Mr. HOLDEN and Mr. MCHUGH.
 H.R. 4120: Mr. TANCREDO.
 H.R. 4167: Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. POE, Ms. HERSETH, and Mr. MCCRERY.
 H.R. 4168: Mr. AKIN.
 H.R. 4180: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.
 H.R. 4190: Mr. SHERMAN.
 H.R. 4217: Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.
 H.R. 4223: Ms. SOLIS.
 H.R. 4236: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
 H.R. 4253: Mr. FOLEY.
 H.R. 4278: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
 H.R. 4300: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. RENZI.
 H.R. 4315: Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. WESTMORELAND.
 H.R. 4330: Mr. MACK and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.
 H.R. 4332: Mr. BERRY and Mr. FILNER.
 H.R. 4350: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.
 H.R. 4357: Mr. EHLERS, Mr. RENZI, and Mr. FOLEY.
 H.R. 4361: Mr. MILLER of Florida.
 H.R. 4381: Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.
 H.R. 4384: Mr. UDALL of Colorado and Mr. SANDERS.
 H.R. 4446: Mr. COSTELLO.
 H.R. 4447: Mr. HONDA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. HERSETH, and Mr. GRIJALVA.
 H.R. 4452: Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BERRY, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.
 H.R. 4476: Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Ms. SOLIS.
 H.R. 4506: Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. HOOLEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. CARSON.
 H.R. 4516: Mr. RANGEL and Mr. McNULTY.
 H.R. 4520: Mr. MCINTYRE and Ms. SOLIS.
 H.J. Res. 73: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of

Texas, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. RUSH, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. EVANS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

H. Con. Res. 24: Mr. MEEHAN.
 H. Con. Res. 99: Mr. MEEHAN.
 H. Con. Res. 137: Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California.

H. Con. Res. 138: Mr. RANGEL.
 H. Con. Res. 172: Mr. MEEHAN.
 H. Con. Res. 174: Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. ENGEL.

H. Con. Res. 177: Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H. Con. Res. 197: Mr. EVANS.
 H. Con. Res. 231: Mr. SPRATT.

H. Con. Res. 287: Mr. NADLER, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. ROSS.

H. Con. Res. 302: Mr. PLATTS, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, and Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H. Con. Res. 314: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H. Res. 483: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. CAPPs, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. LEE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BECERRA, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BACA, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. CLAY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mrs. BONO, Ms. WATSON, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. WATT, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. HOOLEY, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. HERSETH.

H. Res. 521: Mr. TOWNS, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. CLAY.

H. Res. 526: Mr. PASCRELL.

H. Res. 544: Mr. CARNAHAN.

H. Res. 545: Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. PITTS.

H. Res. 556: Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H. Res. 575: Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. COOPER, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. LINDER, Mr. PICKERING, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. FILNER, Mr. OTTER, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. HOYER, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. BACHUS, Mrs. BONO, and Mr. DOYLE.

H. Res. 577: Mr. DUNCAN.

H. Res. 578: Mr. GORDON.

H. Res. 579: Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H. Res. 589: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H. Res. 592: Mr. HOYER.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 4437

OFFERED BY: Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE OF FLORIDA

AMENDMENT No. 5: At the end of title VI, insert the following new section:

SEC. 615. DECLARATION OF CONGRESS.

Congress condemns rapes by smugglers along the international land border of the United States and urges in the strongest possible terms the Government of Mexico to work in coordination with United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security take immediate action to prevent such rapes from occurring.

H.R. 4437

OFFERED BY: MS. GINNY BROWN-WAITE OF
FLORIDAAMENDMENT No. 6: At the end of title VI,
insert the following new section:**SEC. 615. DECLARATION OF CONGRESS.**

Congress condemns rapes by smugglers along the international land border of the United States.

H.R. 4437

OFFERED BY: MS. GINNY BROWN-WAITE OF
FLORIDAAMENDMENT No. 7: At the end of title IV,
insert the following new section:**SEC. 409. REMOVAL OF ALIENS UNLAWFULLY
PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

Section 241(a)(1)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1231(a)(1)(C)) shall not be construed as preventing the Secretary of Homeland Security from removing an alien from the United States if the alien has failed or refused to make timely application in good faith for travel or other documents necessary to the alien's departure or conspires or acts to prevent the alien's removal subject to an order of removal.

H.R. 4437

OFFERED BY: MS. GINNY BROWN-WAITE OF
FLORIDAAMENDMENT No. 8: Add at the end of title
II the following:**SEC. 211. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LI-
AISON.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish the position of Small Business Administration Liaison within the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(b) FUNCTIONS.—The Liaison shall, in consultation with the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, ensure that the Small Business Administration does not make or guarantee a loan to an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States.

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HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005.

The House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3010, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13517–S13597

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2096–2104, S. Res. 331–333, and S. Con. Res. 69. **Page S13570**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Former Governor Carroll A. Campbell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 332, honoring the life of former Governor Carroll A. Campbell and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to his family. **Page S13593**

Recognizing the Philippines: Senate agreed to S. Res. 333, recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of our Filipino-American community to our country over the last century. **Pages S13593–94**

Settlement Common Stock: Senate passed S. 449, to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971. **Page S13594**

Indian Land Contracts: Senate passed H.R. 327, to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting land within the Gila River Indian Community Reservation, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13594**

Deficit Reduction Act—Motions to Instruct Conferees: Senate began consideration of the message from the House of Representatives to accompany S. 1932, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95), disagreeing to the amendment of the House, requesting a conference with the House thereon, and taking action on the following motions to instruct Conferees proposed thereto: **Pages S13521–31**

Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 351), Senate agreed to Carper Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report shall not include the provision in the House amendment relating to the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, and insist that Congress enact free standing legislation that builds on the bipartisan Senate Committee on Finance's reported version of the Personal Responsibility and Individual Development for Everyone Act (the PRIDE Act, S. 667) to reauthorize the Nation's welfare-to-work laws. **Pages S13528–29**

By 75 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 352), Senate agreed to Baucus Motion to Instruct Conferees not report a conference report that would impair access to, undermine eligibility for, make unaffordable by increasing beneficiary cost-sharing, adversely affect Medicaid services, or in any way undermine Medicaid's Federal guarantee of health insurance coverage. **Pages S13527–28, S13529–30**

By 66 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 353), Senate agreed to Harkin Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report does not contain any cuts to Federal food assistance programs, including the food stamp program established under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.). **Pages S13527, S13530–31**

Pending:

DeWine Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report shall not include the provisions contained in section 8701 of the House amendment relating to the repeal of section 754 of the Tariff Act of 1930. **Pages S13522–23**

Kohl Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report shall not include any of the provisions in the House amendment that reduce funding for the child support program established under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.), and to insist that the conference report shall not include any restrictions on

the ability of States to use Federal child support incentive payments for child support program expenditures that are eligible for Federal matching payments.

Pages S13523–24

Kennedy Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the Senate provisions increasing need based financial aid in the bill S. 1932, which were fully offset by savings in the bill S. 1932, be included in the final conference report and that the House provisions in the bill H.R. 4241 that impose new fees and costs on students in school and in repayment be rejected in the final conference report.

Pages S13536–37

Reed Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist on a provision that makes available \$2,920,000,000 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.), in addition to the \$2,183,000,000 made available for such Act in the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.

Pages S13544–46

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the message from the House to accompany S. 1932 (listed above) at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2005, with a series of votes to occur on the pending motions to instruct Conferees.

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USA PATRIOT Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism.

Pages S13546–61

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 16, 2005.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, December 15, 2005, with 2 hours equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees.

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Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2005; that following all debate time, the conference report be set aside with the vote on adoption to occur at a time to be determined.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick Joseph Schiltz, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Jack Zouhary, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

Pages S13595–97

Nominations Discharged: The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Stephanie Johnson Monroe, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, which was sent to the Senate on June 23, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Donald A. Gambatesa, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on September 13, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Marilyn Ware, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Finland, which was sent to the Senate on October 26, 2005, from the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—353)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:59 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13594–95.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's spill prevention control and countermeasure program, focusing on methods and equipment requirements for non-transportation-related onshore and offshore facilities with a specified aboveground storage capacity, after receiving testimony from Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Thomas P. Dunne, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Brent Cummings, Cummings Oil Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; James Coyne, National Air Transportation Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Richard G. Owen, Geraldine, Montana, on behalf of the Agriculture

Coalition on Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure, and CHS, Inc.; Riki Ott, Cordova, Alaska; and James J. Corbett, University of Delaware Graduate College of Marine Studies, Newark.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs, David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Im-

port Administration, Vincent J. Ventimiglia, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation, who was introduced by Senator Gregg, Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 4524–4548; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74; H. Con. Res. 315–316; and H. Res. 598–601, 603–609 were introduced. **Pages H11652–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11654–55**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 602, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2830) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules (H. Rept. 109–346); and

H. Res. 610, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, (H. Rept. 109–347). **Pages H11629 H11651, H11652**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11507**

Discharge Petitions: Representative Marshall moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 568, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3936, to protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels during energy emergencies (Discharge Petition No. 7); and

Representative Waxman moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 570, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3925, to provide that a Federal public safety position may not be held by any political appointee who does not meet certain minimum requirements (Discharge Petition No. 8).

USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, after agreeing to order the previous question,

by a ye-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 627. **Pages H11523–44**

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the conference report on the bill to the Committee of Conference with instructions to recede from disagreement with the Senate amendment, by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 626. **Pages H11542–43**

H. Res. 595, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H11515–23**

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3010, to make appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a ye-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 628. **Pages H11544–52**

H. Res. 596, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H11512–15**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

CFTC Reauthorization Act of 2005: H.R. 4473, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives; **Pages H11553–61**

Commending the outstanding efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina by members and employees of the Coast Guard, to provide temporary relief to certain persons affected by such hurricane with respect to certain laws administered by the Coast Guard: H.R. 4508, to commend the outstanding efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina by members

and employees of the Coast Guard, to provide temporary relief to certain persons affected by such hurricane with respect to certain laws administered by the Coast Guard; **Pages H11567–69**

Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005: H.R. 972, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 632; **Pages H11570–79, H11585–86**

Reverse Mortgages to Help America's Seniors Act: H.R. 2892, to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to remove the limitation on the number of reverse mortgages that may be insured under the FHA mortgage insurance program for such mortgages; **Pages H11586–88**

2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act: H.R. 3508, amended, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia; **Pages H11588–96**

Congratulating Tony Stewart on winning the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup Championship: H. Res. 587, to congratulate Tony Stewart on winning the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup Championship; **Pages H11602–05**

Recognizing Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy: H.J. Res. 38, to recognize Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy; **Pages H11605–06**

Reauthorizing the Congressional Award Act: S. 335, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11606–07**

Providing certain authorities for the Department of State: H.R. 4436, amended, to provide certain authorities for the Department of State; **Pages H11607–09**

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country: H. Con. Res. 252, amended, to express the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country; **Pages H11609–12**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should support democracy, the rule of law, and human rights in the Republic of Nicaragua and work cooperatively with regional and international organizations to bolster Nicaraguan efforts to establish the requisite conditions for free, fair, transparent, and inclusive presidential and legislative elections in 2006.”.

Remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Cleveland Lay Mission Team Member Jean Donovan, who were executed by members of the armed forces of El Salvador on December 2, 1980: H.R. 458, amended, to remember and commemorate the lives and work of Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Cleveland Lay Mission Team Member Jean Donovan, who were executed by members of the armed forces of El Salvador on December 2, 1980; **Pages H11612–18**

Recommending the integration of the Republic of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization: H. Res. 529, amended, to recommend the integration of the Republic of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; **Pages H11618–21**

Honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979: H. Con. Res. 238, amended, to honor the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979 **Pages H11629–30**

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Establishing the Task Force on Ocean Policy: H. Res. 599, to establish the Task Force on Ocean Policy, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 103 yeas to 327 nays, Roll No. 631. **Pages H11561–67, H11585**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue at a later date on the measures:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be protected: H. Res. 579, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be protected; **Pages H11596–H11600**

Urging the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month: H. Con. Res. 315, to urge the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month; **Pages H11600–02**

Urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw or modify proposed legislation that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation: H. Con. Res. 312, amended, to urge the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw or modify proposed legislation that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation; **Pages H11621–24**

Calling on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China, as a tool

for suppression maintained by the Chinese Government: H. Con. Res. 294, amended, to call on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China, as a tool for suppression maintained by the Chinese Government; **Pages H11624–29**

Condemning the Government of Zimbabwe's "Operation Murambatsvina" under which homes, businesses, religious structures, and other buildings and facilities were demolished in an effort characterized by the Government of Zimbabwe as an operation to "restore order" to the country: H. Res. 409, amended, condemning the Government of Zimbabwe's "Operation Murambatsvina" under which homes, businesses, religious structures, and other buildings and facilities were demolished in an effort characterized by the Government of Zimbabwe as an operation to "restore order" to the country;

Pages H11630–37

Providing that Hamas and other terrorist organizations should not participate in elections held by the Palestinian Authority: H.R. 575, amended, providing that Hamas and other terrorist organizations should not participate in elections held by the Palestinian Authority;

Pages H11637–42

Recognizing the importance and credibility of an independent Iraqi judiciary in the formation of a new and democratic Iraq: H. Res. 534, to recognize the importance and credibility of an independent Iraqi judiciary in the formation of a new and democratic Iraq; and

Pages H11642–44

Condemning actions by the Government of Syria that have hindered the investigation of the assassination of former Prime Minister of Lebanon Rafik Hariri conducted by the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission (UNIIC), expressing support for extending the UNIIC's investigative mandate, and stating concern about similar assassination attempts apparently aimed at destabilizing Lebanon's security and undermining Lebanon's sovereignty: H. Res. 598, to condemn actions by the Government of Syria that have hindered the investigation of the assassination of former Prime Minister of Lebanon Rafik Hariri conducted by the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission (UNIIC), expressing support for extending the UNIIC's investigative mandate, and stating concern about similar assassination attempts apparently aimed at destabilizing Lebanon's security and undermining Lebanon's sovereignty.

Pages H11644–49

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2863, to make appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and agreed to a conference.

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Agreed to the Murtha motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye and nay vote of 308 yeas to 122

nays, Roll No. 630, after ordering the previous question.

Pages H11580–83, H11584–85

Agreed to close portions of the conference when classified national security material is being discussed by a ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 629.

Pages H11583–84

Later, the Chair appointed as conferees: Messrs. Young of Florida, Hobson, Bonilla, Frelinghuysen, Tiahrt, Wicker, Kingston, Ms. Granger, Messrs. Walsh, Aderholt, Lewis of California, Murtha, Dicks, Sabo, Visclosky, Moran of Virginia, Ms. Kaptur, Messrs. Edwards, and Obey.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11606.

Senate Referrals: S. 1231 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Energy and Commerce and S. 449 was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11542–43, H11543, H11552, H11583–84, H11584–85, H11585, and H11585–86. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 12:02 a.m. and reconvened at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, December 15th.

Pages H11649, H111651

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:16 a.m. on Thursday, December 15th

Committee Meetings

USDA POSTED COUNTY PRICES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review Technical Procedures of USDA's Establishment of Posted County Prices. Testimony was heard from Floyd Gaibler, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

POST-HURRICANES HOUSING OPTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, continued hearings entitled "Housing Options in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Brian D. Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner; and Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing.

SECURE HANDLING OF AMMONIUM NITRATE ACT OF 2005

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3197, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 3197. Testimony was heard from

James W. McMahon, Director, Office of Homeland Security, State of New York; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ORGANIC ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on The National Park Service Organic Act and its Implementation through Daily Park Management. Testimony was heard from Steve Martin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; the following former officials of the Department of the Interior: William Horn, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 2 hours of general debate on H.R. 4437, Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides that, after disposition of the amendments printed in part B of the report, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion and no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except by a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairmen King and Sensenbrenner; and Representatives Chabot, King of Iowa, Flake, Gohmert, Kolbe, Rohrabacher, Deal of Georgia, Weldon of Florida, Sullivan, Gingrey, Garrett, Blackburn, McHenry, Poe, Campbell, Thompson of Mississippi, Loretta Sanchez of California,

Markey, Meek of Florida, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Nadler, Berman, Linda T. Sanchez of California, Slaughter, Stupak, Reyes, Gonzalez, Davis of Tennessee and Ruppersberger.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 90 minutes of debate in the House on the bill H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, as amended, equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. In lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce and Ways of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Gutknecht and Vislosky.

HURRICANE KATRINA: PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE BY STATE OF LOUISIANA

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the State of Louisiana." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the State of Louisiana: Katherine Babineaux Blanco, Governor; Jeff Smith, Deputy Director, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; C. Ray Nagin, Mayor, and Terry Ebbert, Director, Homeland Security; both with the City of New Orleans; William M. Lokey, Federal Coordinating Officer, Baton Rouge, and Phillip Barr, Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer, Advance Team in New Orleans, both with FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of George W. Foresman, to be Under Secretary for Preparedness,

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Mary M. Rose, to be a Member, Merit Systems Protection Board, S. 1445, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office", S. 1792 and H.R. 3770, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building", S. 1820, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office", S. 2036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the "Raymond J. Salmon Post Office", S. 2064, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the Malcolm Melville "Mac" Lawrence Post Office, S. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building", H.R. 2113, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building", H.R. 2346, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the "John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building", H.R. 2413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the "Lillian McKay Post Office Building", H.R. 2630, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex", H.R. 2894, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building", H.R. 3256, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building", H.R. 3368, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the "Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office", H.R. 3439, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the "Ava Gardner Post Office", H.R. 3548, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Franklin Avenue in Pearl River, New York, as the "Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Post Office Building", H.R. 3703, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the "Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building", H.R. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Clayton J.

Smith Memorial Post Office Building", H.R. 3830, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building", and H.R. 4053, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California, as the "Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office", Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine New Orleans levees relating to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following bills: H.R. 4167, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005; H.R. 4127, Data Accountability and Trust Act; and H.R. 3699, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight and Administration of the 340B Drug Discount Program: Improving Efficiency and Transparency," 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 4100, Louisiana Recovery Corporation Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: an Investigative Report entitled "Bringing Communities into the 21st Century: A Report on Improving the Community Development Block Grant Program;" and other pending Committee business, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue mark up of H. Res. 549, Requesting the President of the United States provide to the House of Representatives all documents in his possession relating to his October 7, 2002, speech in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his January 28, 2003, State of the Union address, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Fishing Resources, the Fishing Industry and Fishing Communities in the Gulf of Mexico, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations, oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' flu vaccination program, and preparations for a possible Avian Flu Pandemic, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy, executive, hearing entitled "Radical Islam in the United States," 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, December 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3010, Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations. Also, Senate will continue consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3199, US PATRIOT Reauthorization Act, and at 3:30 p.m., continue consideration of the pending motions to instruct conferees with respect to S. 1932, Deficit Reduction Act, with votes to occur thereon.

(Senate will recess following consideration of the US PATRIOT Reauthorization Act Conference Report (listed above), until 2:15 p.m. for the Democratic party conference.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, December 15

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: H.R. 4437—Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 (Subject to a Rule).



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